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OF OF THIRD SESSION, SEPTEMBER 30, 1974

BEGIN SUMMARY. DISCUSSIONS ON SECTION 5 (WFC FOLLOUP
ACTIONS) OF SECRETARIAT DOCUMENT, KICKED OFF BY STATEMENT OF
MAREI, SECRETARY GENERAL, WFC, FOLLOWED BY REPORT
TORONTO MEETING OF AGRO-INDUSTRIAL LEADERS. REMAINDER
OF DAY DEVOTED DELEGATION STATEMENTS ON ARRANGEMENTS
FOR WFC FOLLOW-UP ACTION. END SUMMARY

1. SEC GEN MAREI'S STATEMENT BEING REPORTED SEPTEL.
2. BUSINESS REP REPORTED ON TORONTO MEETING OF
SEPT 10-11 OF AGRO-INDUSTRIAL LEADERS RE WFC. STATED 150
SENIOR COMPANY EXECUTIVES FROM 28 COUNTRIES (10 DCS) MET IN
TORONTO WITH MEMBERS OF UN, STATE AND
UNIVERSITY GROUPS. THE TORONTO CONSULTATION RECOGNIZED ACTION
NEEDED IN 10 DIFFERENT AREAS TO ADDRESS WORLD FOOD SITUATION.
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MORE IMPORTANT OF THESE INCLUDED HIGHER PRIORITY AND MORE RESOURCES
FOR AGRICULTURE IN LDCS, ASSISTANCE IN AGRI RESEARCH AND RURAL

EDUCATION, AND INNOVATIVE APPROACHES TO INVESTMENT IN LDC AGRICULTURE.

3. MOST OF DAY SPENT WITH 34 COUNTRIES SPEAKING ON WFC FOLLOW-UP ACTIONS. NO COUNTRY SUPPORTED SECRETARIAT'S PROPOSED WFA. SOME CONTINUED INTEREST IN FUND OF SOME SORT BUT NOT MAJOR THEME AND ALWAYS SUBJECT TO NEW MONEY BEING ASSURED. BUT DEVELOPING AND DEVELOPED COUNTRIES ASKED THAT SESSION SEEK MEANS OF ADAPTING AND RE-ORIENTING EXISTING ORGANIZATIONS TO TASK OF CARRYING OUT FOLLOW-UP ACTIONS OF WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE. ARGUMENTS USED IN MAKING THEIR POINTS REVOLVED AROUND NEED TO UPDATE AND STREAMLINE FAO AND OTHER EXISTING UN FAMILY ORGANIZATIONS DEALING WITH FOOD AND NUTRITION, FACT THAT NEW ORGANIZATIONS DO NOT NECESSARILY ATTRACT NEW FUNDS OR SOLVE PROBLEMS BETTER THAN ESTABLISHED ONES, AND EXPENSE AND INEFFICIENCY OF ESTABLISHING NEW ORGANIZATIONS AND NEW BUREAUCRACIES WITHOUT REFORMING OLD ONES.

ALGERIA, PROBABLY SPEAKING MIND OF MANY LDCS, SPOKE WITH DISFAVOR OF ANY INSTITUTIONAL ARRANGEMENT, SUCH AS THE PROPOSED WFA, WHICH WOULD HAVE WEIGHTED VOTING. SAME VIEW EXPRESSED BY SWEDES AND NORWEGIANS WHO ALSO CALLED FOR CHANGE IN VOTING PATTERN IN IBRD. INDIA TOOK OPPOSITE POSITION, STATING DONORS COULD NOT BE EXPECTED TO GIVE MONEY WITHOUT CONTROLLING ITS USE.

4. WHILE NUMBER OF DELEGATIONS, INCLUDING US, TOOK OPEN-MINDED STANCE RE PROPOSALS FOR IMPLEMENTING FOLLOW-UP ACTIONS, POSITIVE PROPOSALS TENDED TO RE-STRUCTURE OR CHANGE MANDATE OF EXISTING FOOD AND NUTRITION MACHINERY, BUT WITH SOME SORT OF COORDINATING OR CONSULTATIVE GROUP OR GROUPS. CLEAR EVIDENCE OF EXTENSIVE FAO LOBBYING.

5. FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY OFFERED PROPOSAL FOR QUOTE COORDINATING COMMITTEE COMPOSED OF HEADS OF THE VARIOUS MULTILATERAL ORGANIZATIONS DEALING WITH AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT UNQUOTE. GOVERNMENTS ENGAGED BILATERAL DEVELOPMENT WOULD BE ASKED TO COOPERATE WITH COORDINATING COMMITTEE.

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ADDITIONALLY, FRG ASKED CONSIDERATION OF CONSULTATIVE GROUP COMPOSED LIMITED NUMBER HIGH-LEVEL EXPERTS WITH EXPERIENCE IN AGRICULTURAL PROBLEMS. NETHERLANDS SUGGESTED COMPLICATED PLAN INVOLVING ONLY RE-STRUCTURING OF FAO, IGNORING EFFICACY OF SUCH PLAN, SINCE INCREASINGLY OBVIOUS USSR NOT PLANNING JOIN FAO. MEXICO RESTATED FOOD BANK PROPOSAL BUT CONCLUDED THAT PREPARED HAVE IT ACHIEVED WITHOUT NEW BODY, BUT DID NOT EXPLAIN HOW. INDIA PRESENTED COMPLICATED PROPOSAL WITH 4 OR 5 CONSULTATIVE GROUPS, EACH WITH TAC AND SUPERVISED BY OVERALL COORDINATING BODY COMPOSED EITHER OF MINISTERS OR DISTINGUISHED

CITIZENS. PHILIPPINE DELEGATE, LIKE MANY OTHERS REPRESENTATIVES
TO FAO, PROPOSED COMPLEX RESTRUCTURING OF FAO INCLUDING
ESTABLISHING FUND IN IT.

6. NO SOCIALISTIC COUNTRIES SPOKE. END
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